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References: A. DIA 6123, 22 Oct. 1963, Attachment B, para 12  
B. DIA 6123, 21 Oct. 1963, Attachment B, para 55

1. Enclosed herewith as attachments are the following:

Attachment	Date	Subject
A	39-10-53	Conference with Everhard GÖTTSCHE
B	43-10-53	East German Working Circles at the University, Stuttgart
C	13-12-53	East German Workers in the U.S.

These reports tell of the lack of financial backing of the group, of the refusal of Bank to finance the group, and of the group's aid.

2. Throughout the reports will be noted the influence of Prof. Gerdhard von Radowitz, Minister of the Interior of Prussia, and his staff, and also General von Kappel, Minister of Foreign Affairs, and the von Kappel group of experts, who are in full control. The policy of the C.I.D. is to keep Germany in the League of Nations, and to bring it into a position to defend itself against an aggressor. It is the aim of the C.I.D. to bring about a United Europe, which is to consist of a United Kingdom and a United Germany, both KPD employees.

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3. In mid-November 1953, Dr. Friedrich [ ] (References A and B), Secretary General of the Export Club, met with [ ] and RONDE. He asked them for information on the West European emigration, and the East European movement for a United Europe. He said that he was collecting this information for von HENSE, who is currently building up his files on the East European emigration. Naturally, they remained fairly close-mouthed, giving RONDE little help. In May or June 1953, [ ] had a talk with RONDE about von HENSE, and the latter's support of the groups in the ABN. To date, RONDE cut, [ ] had indicated that he thought von HENSE was working with the Americans. RONDE definitely contradicted him, and said that von HENSE was working for the British. However, RONDE gave no details of this connection. In both of these meetings RONDE admitted quite openly that he was working for von HENSE, and that he reports to him regularly. [ ] said that it is generally assumed in the emigration that von HENSE pays the ABN groups with money from the German Government. However, he said, it is rumored, with no confirmation, that to this sum he adds money which comes from the British.

4. Attachment C, paragraph 5. GELRE-HAUSSEN's magnanimous attempt to accept U.S. financing, were it offered, stems from desperation rather than arrogance. As yet, he can find no one to back his project and is exploring all possibilities. Bleeker instructed [ ] to inform GELRE-HAUSSEN that his office, an Army channel, cannot act in or arrange for U. S. financial backing of anyone.

5. [ ] are inclined to oppose the views of von HENSE, and support those of GELRE-HAUSSEN. Their report could be read in this light. The evaluations on the reports were made by the respective sources, and should be disregarded.

Enclosures: A. [ ] report #39-10-53  
B. [ ] report #43-10-53  
C. [ ] report #13-12-53

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Attachment A  
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Subject : Conference with Ernsthard GELDE-HAUSSEN.  
Date Received : 5 October 1953  
Source : 1-4-3 (direct coverage)  
Evaluation : B-2

1. On 5 October a conference took place between 1-4-3 and Ernsthard GELDE-HAUSSEN in the latter's office, located in the building of the ~~radio station~~ radio network, STUTTGART, Neckarstrasse 145.
2. As to the continuation of activities of the East-European Working Circle (Arbeitskreis Osteuropa), which were interrupted as early as July 1953, GELDE-HAUSSEN stated the following: He will continue the work only after a clear comment on the Working Circle has been received from the BDC Foreign Office. GELDE-HAUSSEN emphasized that the Circle originated from an unofficial small initiative and, during the course of 1½ years, developed from an experiment into a noteworthy political factor; and that, due to the political significance achieved by the Working Circle, it is impossible to continue the latter without current adaptation to the Foreign Office and the latter's moral support, though only unofficially. GELDE-HAUSSEN also stressed that the financial aids of the Working Circle must now be clarified; until Summer 1953, he used funds which had been made available to him in 1952 by E. HILDE, superintendent of the ~~Bundeszentrale für Politik~~, but now these funds have been completely exhausted. (cont.)
3. To secure truly serious work, he needs approximately 2,000 DM per month for the Working Circle, i.e. an annual budget of approximately 20,000 - 25,000 DM. GELDE-HAUSSEN also declared that he could no longer direct the Working Circle merely on the side, i.e. in addition to his other work with the radio station. According to GELDE-HAUSSEN, it is also necessary to hire a good secretary exclusively for the Working Circle; and, apart from a large amount of purely administrative and technical work, it is indispensable to evaluate the conclusions of lectures and discussions and to make pertinent publications at a later date. GELDE-HAUSSEN considered evaluation activities especially important. In this connection he emphasized that activities of the Working Circle entail much conclusive knowledge and many new ideas which may be of the greatest interest to Federal German agencies dealing with East-questions.

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4. GELSE-HAUSSEN submitted the Foreign Office an account with his suggestions for the future activities of the Working Circle, as well as an annual estimate cost within the frame of approximately 25,000 DM. However, he is not very optimistic as to a favorable answer by the Foreign Office since he believes that the East-specialists of the "old guard", who do not favor the Circle, exert an essential influence in BDKW. According to GELSE-HAUSSEN, the Ministry for All-German Questions and the Federal Center for Economic Protection (Bundeszentrale fuer Betriebschutz) have shown interest in the Working Circle, however, he does not consider the two offices as competent enough to direct serious work in the field of Eastern policies. Circles of German scientific East-research are interested in continuation of the Working Circle only conditionally, without being able or willing to give concrete support.

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Subject : East-European Working Circle at the ~~Deutschlands Ausland~~ Ausland

Date Received : 29 October 1953

Source : 1-43

Sub-Source : [ ] 3

Evaluation : 2-2

Reference : Report #3-10-53

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1. According to information from Eberhard GELBE-HAUSSER, head of the East-European Working Circle (Arbeitskreis Osteuropa) at the ~~Deutschlands Ausland~~ Ausland, ~~Funckensche Rundfunk~~ (West German Radio network), to sub-source, the former received a letter from the Foreign Office on 15 October containing the refusal to financially support and assume sponsorship of the Working Circle.
2. As far as GELBE-HAUSSER knows, circles of the Foreign Office (Fots; presumably Prof. Gerhard von KNEDE, Ministerialdirektor FRANKENBERG, and J. WILHELM, fin.) use, among other factors, the argument against him that he is supposedly an advocate of the so-called "policy of VERSAILLES", i.e. of the political division of EUROPE pursuant to the VERSAILLES peace treaty after the First World War.

Source Comment: The peace treaty of VERSAILLES created numerous national states in EUROPE due to the dismemberment of the Austro-Hungarian Monarchy and the separation of territories from GERMANY. German national circles still hold strong resentments against the so-called "Diktat of VERSAILLES". GELBE-HAUSSER considers the East-European nationalities as substantial and equally entitled factors of a future European policy. He thus contradicts the political conception, still widely held in GERMANY, that Eastern EUROPE is a future German "sphere of influence".

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Attachment C

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Subject : Arbeitsrat für Betriebe in STUTTGART

Date Received : 6 October 1953

Source : 4-C-2

Sub-Source : Oberberater GERHARD HAUSSER, head of the Arbeitsrat für Betriebe.

Evaluation : B-3

1. On 6 October 1953, Sub-source told Source that he has been informed that competent German authorities in BONN cannot comply with his request for financial assistance of the Arbeitsrat für Betriebe in view of his needs. Since Sub-source considers the activities of the Arbeitsrat für Betriebe especially important to the interest of German politics, he attempted to find out the reasons for BONN's refusal. In addition, he surmised that certain German circles feel inconvenienced at the existence of the Arbeitsrat für Betriebe. Sub-source felt that this assumption was confirmed by the repeated requests from BONN during the past months to report on alleged scenes of turmoil at Arbeitsrat für Betriebe sessions. In reality, these scenes had never taken place, indicating that false reports of the Arbeitsrat für Betriebe had reached BONN. Also, Sub-source's letters to BONN in which he requested political advice, have remained unanswered for weeks and months.
2. Sub-source's investigations revealed that during the past months Prof. Gerhard von MELCHIOR, DUESSELDORF, reportedly adopted a very negative attitude, bordering on open enmity, toward the Arbeitsrat für Betriebe in STUTTGART. Sub-source's explanation for this is as follows: Young German politicians, who are not contaminated with a Nazi background, show interest in East-European matters. Many (Sub-source includes himself) want their new group to take shape independently of the "old guard". That is, they want to be independent of the German specialists for East-European matters from the HIRSH and ROSENBERG era. Sub-source is of the opinion that the new German specialists for Eastern EUROPE must be born with a new spirit, free of Nazi influence and German arrogance. The young Communists, however, do not have the experience in State affairs the "old guard" has. Sub-source feels, however, that the Arbeitsrat für Betriebe offers the possibility to gather the new type of experience. The representatives of the "old guard" experts do not agree with this point-of-view, since they claim to be the only experts to be consulted in matters of German politics.

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3. Sub-source feels that he has been used by BONN and others in the example of the "Ring" (headed by von HENDE) (W-10). It is of his opinion that during the meeting of von HENDE group, he did not speak of a conspiracy or "the guard". Since the latter is not an organized body, he has no confidence in its strength and prospects for the future. Most of the individual representatives do not dare openly to voice their voices against von HENDE. But Sub-source simultaneously admits that at the annual meeting of the Deutsche Gewerkschaften in Berlin-LUMMEL (1-3 October 1953), he noticed in many discussions conversations with German research workers for the West a general rejection of von HENDE and his work methods. (Source comments among those who are referred to as the "new guard" might be included such names as GRISCH-MAUSSEN, and PIRIBAUM, from, of the Schaltungsbund; Herbert HUPFER of the Bauarbeiterbund, and young people of Die Freiheit und die Wirtschaft from 1941).
4. Source asked Sub-source "what von HENDE actually does". Sub-source said literally and in strict confidence "He makes out personal files of East-European émigrés, gathers information on them, their political activity and their financial sources; he attempts to find out whether they are pro-German, pro-French, pro-English or pro-American; and, he organizes and financially assists his partisans among the Germans and East-Europeans." Asked whether he could name some of von HENDE's enemies as a result of his conversations with German Eastern specialists in TUTZING or elsewhere, Sub-source cited Prof. VALJAVEC and Prof. LINDBERG. Sub-source implied that von HENDE gets rid of his East-European opponents by indirectly denouncing them to authorities of the Western Powers. Lately, von HENDE supposedly has applied the same tactics to German nationals.
5. Sub-source doubts that he or any other young German will receive assistance from BONN if von HENDE continues to object. Sub-source asked Source to establish contacts for him with American foundations since he is willing to work also with American financial support. Sub-source does not worry about the origin of the money and will account to the German public since he relies for his overt support on Fritz EBERHARD, superintendent of the Friedrichshafen radio station. Sub-source said to Source that EBERHARD would be willing to cover up the funds as those of the Schaltungsbund. Sub-source asked Sub-source if he did not see a political disadvantage for the future as a German in using foreign money. Sub-source answered "the point at stake is the creation of a sensible German political conception in Eastern politics and the combat of abuses of German nationalism & in von HENDE which is detrimental to GERMANY". For this reason, the acceptance of foreign money is compatible with his conscience as a German, he said.

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